Grand Jury

County of Monterey

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September 4, 2001



Superintendent Leo St. John North Monterey County Unified School District 8142 Moss Landing Road Moss Landing, CA 95039

Dear Superintendent St. John:

Thank you for your letter of July 27, 2001, responding to our request for clarification of your responses to the Findings in the 2000 Grand Jury Final Report. Unfortunately, your response was too general.

We realize these Findings were difficult to respond to with "agree" or "disagree." Please use this letter to respond specifically to each Finding.

"1. Sixteen of the 19 responding school districts and one community college responding to the Grand Jury's survey spend lottery funds on employee salaries."
<u>x</u> NMCUSD spends lottery funds on employee salaries.
NMCUSD does not spend lottery funds on employee salaries.
"2. At the time of the Grand Jury's survey, there was no evidence that any lottery education revenues were being spent for prohibited purposes in Monterey County."
X NMCUSD does not spend lottery funds for prohibited purposes.
NMCUSD spends lottery funds for prohibited purposes. (Please elaborate if this is your answer.)
"3. Four of the 19 responding school districts place lottery moneys in their general funds without further tracking. This does not comply with the California Government Code, Section 8880.5. In addition, these school districts will be unable to verify compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000."
NMCUSD places lottery funds in our general fund without further tracking.

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- X NMCUSD does not place lottery funds in our general fund without
- "4. Fifteen of the 19 responding school districts, both community colleges, and the County Superintendent do have special tracking accounts. However, for many of the reporting districts, these designated accounts do not contain sufficient detail to verify compliance with the Cardenas Textbook Act of 2000."
 - X NMCUSD has a special tracking account. NMCUSD does not have a special tracking account. (Please explain if this is your answer.)

If you have further questions, please call Eileen Wright, Court Administrative Aide to the Grand Jury, at 755-5020. The Grand Jury Office is open only on Tuesdays and Thursdays; however, a voicemail is available at any time.

Thank you for your prompt response.

Sincerely,

Marilyn A. Maxner, Chair Edit/Response Committee

Roy D. Lorenz, Foreman

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